Kent News.

SATURDAY.....MARCH 28, 1891

DON'T forget the Farmers' Alliance meeting next Tuesday.

DON'T forget the meeting Monday night. Let everybody attend.

GOVERNOR JACKSON's views on the oyster question will be given in our next issue.

"GOOD FRIDAY" was certainly a misnomer this time—in the weather!

THE new pipe organ of the M. E. Church, Chestertown, was completed this week, but as all things are not ready the reopening will not take place before Sunday, April 4.

THE Kennedyville Creamery paid $1.18 per 100 pounds for milk last month. This is the best price paid for a long time, and is very gratifying to its patrons. We are informed that the Odessa Creamery paid $1.12 per hundred pounds for milk received during the past month; St. Georges, $1.05, and Sassafras, $1.11.

NEW OFFICERS.—The Epworth League of the M. E. Church, Chestertown, at the annual election of officers Thursday night chose the following: President, C. W. Proctor; vice-presidents, R. Irving Watkins, Misses Ella Thomas, Lilly Bramble, Fannie Stuart; secretary, M. W. Thomas; treasurer, Joel R. Clements.

PURCHASE OF A FARM.—M. deK. Smith, Esq., trustee, sold on Saturday last the Connelly estate to Mrs. Sallie C. Jones for $3,300. It consists of a farm containing 119 acres, 2 roods, and 37 perches of land; also the mill, mill house and miller's dwelling and outbuildings, together with the mill pond and 40 acres of land adjacent thereto; also crops on the farm and mill rent for the present year. *Also, the nine acre wood lot.*

PERSONAL PROPERTY.—Attention is called to the following public sales advertised in the NEWS to take place on dates named:

Wednesday, next, April 1, by Thomas Hill, Esq., as agent—the stock and farm utensils on the farm occupied by Mr. W. Spencer Leaverton at Battershell Hill. The property includes seven horses and other valuable stock, and the sale will be without reserve.

On Wednesday, April 8th.—Mr. John Gale, at Worton Manor, will have a large sale of valuable blooded stock. Fifteen or twenty fine young animals will go off under the hammer for whatever they will bring, so that all who want anything in the line of blooded colts should be sure to attend. Mr. Pearce will attend the sale and take notes, and the stock will all positively be sold.

J. D. URIE, Esq., will sell some very valuable real estate next Tuesday.

FAIRLEE "Y."—A public meeting of Fairlee "Y" was held in Salem Church Monday night. A fair audience was present and the following program was presented and carried out: Address by Miss Anna Everett, "The Work of the Union," "Y" chorus; reading by Miss Anna Lee, "Price of a Drink;" solo by Miss Hallie Usilton, "Only a Glass;" quartette, Misses Anna Everett, Cleaver, Messrs. John Corey and Jessie Usilton. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. John P. Nicholson's next Tuesday evening.

DUCKING.—Reports from Lankford bay are to the effect that ducks are plentiful, especially whifflers. A party from Chestertown Monday succeeded in killing and *bagging* twenty, nine of which were black heads. The whifflers are very hard to kill and can hold a big load of shot. Gunners tell us that it is becoming difficult to entice them in among the decoys.

One of our sportsmen went to the mill this week and killed three ducks but when he captured them he discovered they were *tame* ducks! The owner called for compesation which was furnished.

THE Maryland Annual Conference of the M. P. Church will meet in the Lafayette Avenue Church, Baltimore, on April 2. This conference includes Maryland, Delaware, the border counties of Pennsylvania and Virginia, and Newark, N. J. It is composed equally of ministers and lay delegates, one layman being elected from each station or circuit for each active minister it has. In all there are about two hundred and twenty-five delegates and ministers. Rev. W. M. Strayer is now serving his second year as president of the conference, and, as it is the custom of the body to elect its presiding officer for three years in succession, he will be elected for another year. The membership of the church in the conference is about twenty thousand. There are 248 churches and other church property, valued at $1,003,910.

J. K. ALDRIDGE's new ad. will appear next week. He has some good things to tell you.

ARBUTUS is in bloom and gay parties of young people have been out gathering the beautiful wild flowers.

NOTICE the new advertisements of J. Lloyd McFeely and J. H. Simpers in this issue. Read every line.

AN able article on the oyster question by "Observer" of the Fifth district will appear next week. It was unavoidably crowded out.

THE Emerald Tennis Club, of Chestertown held a meeting Thursday evening and elected Miss Rebecca Wickes president; Miss Mary Beck, secretary, and Clarence W. Perkins, treasurer.

The Courts.

ORPHANS' COURT, March 24.—Present, Judges Walker, Fisher and Moffett. Mary J. Rees and J. Chas. Wheatley, adm'rs of Able J. Rees, filed an inventory of the personal property of their decedent and obtained an order to sell the same. James D. Lucas and Samuel W. Wallis were appointed to appraise the personal property of Mrs. Julia Phifer, deceased.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, March 24.—Full board present. Wm. H. Palmer, wharf master at Chestertown, presented his report for the year ending March 24, 1891, which was accepted. The board was further engaged in examining, approving and passing sundry accounts for levy in 1891, and noting transfers and abatements.

Letters Uncalled For.

The following is a list of unclaimed letters in the Chestertown postoffice:

Bralin, Mrs. Anna R.
Chesley, Miss Bessie
Dorsey, Mr. John (col.)
Fleming, Joseph
Zearfass, Master Wilson

The letters that are uncalled for after remaining in the postoffice for a week are advertised and held for two weeks and after that sent to the dead letter office at Washington.

A GOOD HEN.—Mr. T. J. Joiner says he has a hen that lays *two* eggs a day! The hen is a young Plymouth Rock and has for the past week laid a big egg with double yolk, therefore Mr. J. thinks she should be entitled to the credit of laying two eggs per day.

ON our first page may be found some important and interesting items, such as Farmers' Alliance Principles, Conference Pen Portraits, Oyster Question, Easter Customs, Rot in Sheep, Fashions for the Ladies, etc.

LAMBS, ETC.—Good prices for lambs are being paid in Chestertown this week. Buyers were paying from $4.00 to $4.50. Mr. Pippin, of Church Hill and a buyer from Germantown are in town and the purchase of lambs and calves is beginning to be noted by the increased shipment on the railroad. Mr. J. W. Skirven has six ewes that have given birth to *eighteen* lambs, and the birth of twins in his large flock is no rarity. Mr. Percy G. Skirven has a ewe that has given birth to eight lambs in three years. Who can beat it? One farmer near Fairlee bought a ewe sheep last week for $8. He did not have it more than several days before a worthless cur had killed it. The dog was killed. This same farmer had thirteen chickins, a whole brood, carried off by hawks during the past week.

DISEASE AMONG HORSES.—Mr. J. Lewin Crew of Worton, has four horses that have been sick for some time. Dr Fred Welch was sent for this week and pronounced the disease anaema, caused by indigestion. One of Mr. Crew's horses died several weeks ago from this same cause, but the others are improving. The first symptoms of the trouble is a falling off in flesh although the animal has a more ravenous appetite. They should be treated for indigestion just as man is treated. Mr. Ewd. Parsons also has three horses sick with the anaema. Mr. Willie Brown near town has a mule with the *mumps!* Either side of the *kicker's* throat is swollen and it is impossible for him to move his head to either side.

CHESTERTOWN LYCEUM.—The Lyceum met in the lecture room of Christ Church Wednesday night. The room was filled with interested members and visitors. Several new members were added to the roll and the membership now number considerably over 100. The program consisted of a merry chorus by the glee club, instrumental duet by Mrs. Maggie Blakeney and Master Miller Maslin, the former skillfully playing the violin and the latter the autoharp; reading by Miss Morgan Beaston; Mrs. W. W. Hubbard and Miss Anna Hubbard rendered a beautiful guitar duet entitled the "Battle of Sebastopol" in which the roll call and bugle call were well imitated. This was followed by an appropriate reading by Miss Coe Thompson and declamation by Mr. M. S. Harper.

FOOLED AGAIN.—In the NEWS several weeks ago our Edesville and Rock Hall correspondents spoke of a "Universal Order of Co-operation" being at work in their neighborhood whereby one could get $100 for $30. Several members were enlisted on the roll of this association and are left in the lurch, for the business of the order was suspended Thursday of last week. The treasurer says it has "gone to smash." The headquarters of the company is in Philadelphia with branch offices in Baltimore and other places. The Universal Order of Co-operation issued certificates for $100 redeemable in from four to six months after the date of issue. Members were required to pay an initiation fee of $5, $4 expense dues, $4 to the relief fund and $1 weekly for 17 weeks, making total of $30. Matured certificates were paid $100, minus the initiation fee. Each beneficiary bound himself to bring two others into the order or forfeit half the full value of his certificate. It is claimed that up to March 2 the order had paid $192,000 to beneficiaries.

Still Pond Locals.

"The Sunbeams" gave their entertainment on Tuesday evening last in the hall here to a full audience. Though young in years the performers showed thorough drill and proficiency in their several parts. Program as follows:

Singing, "Welcome," by the Sunbeams; dialogue, "The New Schoolmaster," Willie Rasin, Willie Krusen and Fred Davis; tableau, "The Nun's Devotion," Lizzie Rasin; recitation, "Why Can't I Get a Beau?" Josie Jones; singing, "They Come," Sunbeams; dialogue, "The Speakers," Willie Krusen, Fred Davis; solo, Lizzie Rasin; tableau, "Courting Under Difficulties;" recitation, "When I was Sixteen," Mabel Rasin, Fred Davis; duet, "Dreaming of Home and Mother," Josie Jones, Mrs. Wm. G. Rasin; recitation, "Nobody's Child," Sallie Jones; singing, "Hill by Hill," Sunbeams; March, Sunbeams; chaude, "Here She Goes and There She Goes," Willie Rasin, Willie Krusen, Harris Crew, Fred Davis, Lizzie Rasin, Sallie Jones; recitation with tableau, "Morning, Noon and Night," Mabel Rasin, Lizzie Rasin, Josie Jones.

Master Harris Crew played the accompaniment with marked skill in one so young.

Another Demorest contest will be held in the town hall on the evening of April 1st. An entrance fee of ten cents for adults and five for children will be charged to cover necessary expenses.

Miss Laura Beatty, of Ingleside, Queen Anne's county, is visiting Mrs. Harry Davis near Still Pond.

Miss Angie Gray of Wilmington, Del., a former teacher in this county, is staying with Mrs. Louis Lambourn, wife of our postmaster.

J. M. H. Roland, Esq., another ex-teacher of Kent, but more lately a student at the "Baltimore Medical College," is on a visit to friends in and near Still Pond.

Mrs. Arthur Allston was summoned to Washington on Monday last by the illness of her father, Mr. T. E. Norris. We have learned since that he is improving.

Masters John Wilson, Will Watts and C. E. Harper, from Dickinson, and Henry Turner, from Smithmore, are at home for the holidays.

Miss Sadie Burgess, our very popular assistant teacher will spend Easter in Baltimore with her mother.

Mr. Barnard, of Cecil, has rented the Fruitgrowers' Hotel, and has ample accommodations for boarders, permanent and transient. R.

College News.

The college club has been organized as follows, although subject to change:

Catcher and captain, Porter, of Caroline.
Pitcher, Prettyman, of Delaware.
1st base, Clark, of Worcester.
2nd base, Duer, of Somerset.
3rd base, W. Beck, of Kent.
Shortstop, Williams, of Delaware.
Left field, R. Leaverton, of Kent.
Center, G. Brice, of Kent.
Right, B. Hurt, of Kent.
Substitutes, Harper of Dorchester Massey, Kent.
Manager, W. B. Usilton, Jr., of Kent.

April 18th is the date fixed for a game with John's Hopkins University. The Hopkins club is a good one, and while the college club does not expect to win, it hopes to be able to give a good exhibiton.

The athletic association will shortly produce the two roaring farces—"A Mock Trial for Breach of Promise" and "A Race for a Dinner." This entertainment will be for the purpose of raising funds to meet the expenses of the Athletic Sports, which were inaugurated last year, and which it is to be hoped will every year increase in interest. This effort on the part of the students deserves the patronage of the town and it is earnestly desired by them to obtain it.

The Easter holidays began on Thursday last and will continue till Tuesday. Nearly all the students are spending the short vacation at home.

Dr. and Mrs. Reid are making a visit to Philadelphia, Prof. Clarke is at his home in Pocomoke City, Md., and Profs. Micou, Watts and Proctor are in Chestertown.

The following transfers by deed have been recorded in the land record books of Kent county, during the present month—March: Charles R. Kerr and wife to county commissioners, right-of-way for public road from Allen's Lane to low water mark on Huntingfield creek; and for a public landing on said creek; consideration $50. Stephen Lecates and wife to Lawrence B. Russell parcel of land in Chestertown, on the west side of high street and adjoining the property of Josiah Lusby and others; consideration $1,280.

SLIGHT FIRE was caused by a defective flue in Mr. John Solloway's house at Chestertown Saturday. The fire was put out without little damage resulting.

ROCK HALL NEWS.

Protection and Time for Oysters—The Ship Yard—Vessel Sold—Visitors—Brisk Times.

The oystermen here seem to have a very poor opinion of those fellows who at the Academy of Music last week so strongly advocated the sale or leasing of the oyster beds of the bay. Had they been here a few days after the meeting, they would have heard something not very pleasant to the ear. Men of a practical knowledge claim that all that is necessary for an abundant supply of the oysters is protection and time, if such is the case, of which there is no doubt, we fail to see what protection can be afforded the oyster by selling or leasing the bars. The ruling passion of man is to make money; therefore the parties buying or leasing the bars would work them for all they were worth, so as to realize as large a per centage on their investment as possible, and those parties being wealthy (for none but the wealthy could secure the bars) would be in a position to control legislation to suit their own ends, consequently the drain on the bars would be as great as it is now, or greater perhaps. The gentlemen who so ably addressed that meeting at the Academy of Music, claimed to be interested in the profitable employment of the many thousands of *our people*. Yet in the 4th preamble of their demands they declare it would attract a desirable class of emigrants to this State. Now what is that desirable class? We are not blind. For years we have seen that the desirable class of emigrants for monopolies and corporations is laborers that will compete with our home labor, thereby driving them into other pursuits, or be subject to the continual cutting down scale in wages until it is almost impossible to make proper provision for the working men's families, who should be the recipients of the products of our grand old State, in preference to the class of foreigners, who, from their unstableness in their own land are compelled to go elsewhere. Gentlemen, your pretended interestedness for the welfare of *our own people* is too thin, we see through it plainly, as we have seen for many years. Let the oystermen awake, and put on fresh vigor, and see to it that men be selected to represent them in the next Legislature who know what is wanted so far as Kent and Queen Anne's is concerned. Let men like Mr. James S. Harris, of Kent, and Col. W. Henry Legg, of Queen Anne's, be elected, and we will have no fear of being robbed of our store house, Swan Point and adjacent bars. There has been too much monkeying in oyster legislation, if the proper protection had been given which was enjoyed by the legislature, there would be plenty of oysters now, and in fact if the present laws are enforced, which we believe is the determination now, there will be an abundant supply in a short time, as many of the bars are now literally covered with young oysters. So you see protection and time, is all that is needed.

In view of the fact that our village is being quite frequently visited by minstrel troupes and other itinerant association, one of our citizens has revived an old song, which did grand service in ye olden times, commencing thus:

Mr. S.tt, had a calf
Who caused a mighty laugh
As he on his three legs was standing,
Until John R. drew his knife
And took the young calf's life
And sent him to the happy land of Canaan.

So if the next troupe desire something spicy to help along in filling vacant space in their program they can be supplied with the remaining stanzes of the above song, by calling on R. in whose memory no doubt the song still remains.

Capt. J. W. Downey, finding it impossible to use his ready cash in the oyster business, notwithstanding the very high prices, concluded to sell his bugeye, Clipper, and retire—Capts. E. Proctor and Wm. Boyer becoming the purchasers, who seem to think the quickest way to spend their money, outside of co-operative frauds is to put as many boats in the oyster trade as possible. Capt. John has not retired from the water; believing it to be conducive to good health, he will become a trapper of the furry tribe as well as a tonger for the bivalve.

Times about the steamboat wharf, on Swan Creek has become quite brisk, owing to the fishing business, but not so much so as might be if there was a daily boat, which is greatly needed by the fishermen. The efficient agent at the wharf was the bearer of a petition some weeks ago to the C. R. S. B. Co., for a daily boat, but we have not heard what effect the petition had.

Just above the steamboat wharf is the ship yard of the Messrs. Dawson, who are doing a thriving business which gives perfect satisfaction to their patrons. Capts. J. B. Downey and J. E. Apsley had their vessels thoroughly overhauled during the past season there. A few weeks ago the company discharged a vessel belonging to Capt. Thompson, of Chestertown, after putting on a new bowsprit and otherwise repairing her. They are now engaged in building a very fine bugeye of the carrying capacity of 400 or 500 bushels of oysters, which promises to be one of the best vessels of this port. The vessel we understand is for sale when finished, which will be in the near future.

Our village was delightfully surprised during the week by the visitation of two ex-pastors of Rock Hall charge, Revs. E. H. Miller and J. M. Collins. Mr. Miller who was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. Casey was jovial and as pleasant as he was eleven years ago when stationed here; becoming a bendict has made wonderful improvement in his make up, he is no longer afraid of spooks, thunder nor rats, all of which he attributes to his wife. Mr. Collins is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Edes. It is understood that he will occupy the pulpit here on Sunday afternoon. Rev. Mr. Roe, much to the joy of the people here generally, has returned for another year.

The New York Life in 1890.

One hundred and fifteen millions of dollars in money—not in insurance, but in good securities;—such is the announcement which the New York Life Insurance Company makes of its condition January 1, 1891. About fifteen millions of this amount is surplus over legal liabilities, and represents the savings made from the table rates of insurance, exclusive of amounts already returned to policy-holders in dividends, which reach nearly forty millions. The New York Life is nearly forty-six years old, and has accumulated assets at the average rate of over two millions per year, its present rate of increase being over ten millions. It does not need so much business to be prosperous, but if people will have its contracts who shall say them nay! Its admirable system of policies, its splendid management, its liberal treatment of policy-holders, and the large returns made upon its maturing Tontines, give it a prestige with the public which insures success. The fuller statement will be found in our advertising columns.

ALLIANCE MEETING!

HON. J. F. WILLETTS,
OF KANSAS,
NATIONAL LECTURER
OF THE
Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union

Will deliver a PUBLIC ADDRESS at

STAM'S HALL, - CHESTER TOWN,
TUESDAY, March 31, 1891.

Other Alliance Speakers will be present. Meeting to begin at 10 o'clock A. M. The Farmers especially and the public generally, are invited to attend.

RATIFICATION NOTICE.

Charles B. Tracy.
versus
James A. Spry and wife.

In the Circuit Court for Kent Co., in Equity.

ORDERED, this 6th day of March, 1891, that the sale of the Real Estate of James A. Spry, made and reported by CHAS. T. WESTCOTT, attorney and trustee, under the power in the mortgage from said J. A. Spry and wife to Chas. B. Tracy dated October 16, 1886, and recorded among the Land Records of Kent county, in Liber S. B., No. 8, folio 289, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 8th day of May next;—Provided, a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county, once in each of three successive weeks before the 8th day of April next.

The report states the amount of Sales to be $900.

SAMUEL BECK, CLERK.

True copy, Test:—
March 7, 1891—4t. SAMUEL BECK, CLERK.

STILL POND CLUB.

The Price of School Book Again Up for Consideration.

While I write our club is in session. The minutes of last meeting were read and accepted. The school book question came up first for discussion as that is one that interests all heads of families in this county. At the last meeting of our order held Feb. 23th, this question claimed the attention of its members, and the opinion prevailed that our school books were costing us too much.

The NEWS of March 14th contained an article by the worthy county examiner, Mr. Eben F. Perkins, calling in question the accuracy of some of the statements made at that meeting while this subject was under consideration, which he "feared would cause an erroneous impression as to the necessary cost of books used in this county." The reason this article has not been answered sooner is because this subject originated in the Club and therefore the answer should have its sanction. Your correspondent regrets that details cannot be given today as the lateness of the hour before going to press prohibits it, and as a committee of investigation has been appointed, its action may develop important information bearing upon this subject. One fact, however, stands out prominently and is the sentiment of the club: That legislative action should be invoked in this cause as we find a wide disparity existing between the very lowest publishers' prices for school books of like value of our own; between the prices in this State and that of some others. For instance, an authority quotes from a sister State the following: "At a recent meeting of the legislative committee appointed to investigate the book trust, evidence was offered to show that the actual cost of manufacturing Appleton Readers is about as follows: Primers, 4 to 5 cents; First Readers, 8 to 9 cents; 2nd, 10 to 12; 3d, 12 to 15; 4th, 16 to 18; 5th, 18 to 20 cents. Every person knows that the selling price of these books is out of all proportion to the cost."

Now whether or not the above question is correct I leave for our committee to investigate and the public will be duly advised through the NEWS after such investigation, be it pro or con. I greatly fear that a book trust is at the bottom of this, which neither our worthy examiner nor the merchants who sell these books can remedy. But we must look to the action of our Legislature at its next session to adopt measures to do its own printing and remain no longer under the oppressive heal of monopoly or trust in this case. I would inform our worthy examiner that "his Still Pond friends have taken the trouble to really know something about the question." And we really knew something before we spoke through the columns of the NEWS and we are not done yet. If we mistake not the Farmers' Alliance is with us, and our influence with the legislative candidates may bear fruit. In my judgment any fair man or any having at heart the interest of the people will join heartily in our appeal as economy and justice have demands that must be met. N. BARNARD.

Fairlee Local News.

The appointment of Mr. G. E. Noland to the position of superintendent of Tolchester Beach, is an act of the directors that will more fully endear them and the company to the people of Kent county. Mr. Noland is a gentleman in the truest acceptation of the term, and one fully competent to fill this position of trust. Few men of his age have many more friends in Kent county than the newly appointed incumbent. Kent county can justly boast of having within her territory, one of the most beautiful summer resorts in Maryland I cannot limit it to Maryland, but will include the States with their noted ocean resorts, naturally. Tolchester is up with any; with beautiful velvety ravines, during the excursion season; artistically sloping hillsides, lovely shade, and good water. Artificers and nature combined have made this a place of resplendance which is annually beheld and enjoyed by thousands. The improvements are permanent, and of beautiful architectural designs, and nicely painted in complimentary colors. Yearly, new attractions are added and if the company keeps on improving, we can scarcely imagine what the future will develop. Everything at this place is up to the requirements of unsurpassed summer resorts of this the last quarter of the 19th century.

Miss Laura Greenwood has been quite sick with something similar to the la grippe. She has been confined to the house for several weeks.

Miss Minnie Smyth, of Fairlee attended the M. E. Conference. She was also a delegate, and attended the State Sunday School Convention which was held in Baltimore lately. She was not very favorably impressed with some features of this assemblage as the "ebony hue" came forth in bold array. After she returned to Fairlee she was housed for several days, because of an injury sustained by an ill fitting shoe. Quite a number attended conference from around here, I do not know of any but ladies.

Mr. Archibald Ramage delivered an excellent address at the Epworth League last Thursday evening week. His subject was Organization and its Effects. This meeting was one of special interest and about 35 or 40 were present.

There will be a grand Easter service held at Salem Church to-morrow (Sunday) evening commencing at 7½ o'clock. The program is entitled the "Lord of Glory," and it has been in the hands of a committee who have spared no time in rehearsing those who take part in the literary and musical part thereof.

Capt. Rogers and family, still in feeble health and knowing that they are old and that by nature they are making arrangements to meet the inevitable, we learn that they are negotiating for handsome tombs or monument for themselves. This is a little novel, but it is only a matter of business and might be prudently looked after by many who become old if they would rightly think over the matter.

We have a hen in this village, "Pet" by name, that came into this world on the 30th of April, 1890. She had laid (96) ninety-six eggs up to the 24th of this month, and she is still laying, with the prospect of aggregating a hundred in her first year.

The Y's held a public meeting in the church here last Monday evening. The entertainment was instructive on the temperance line, and that of right. All who took part acquitted themselves admirably. The organization is a very popular one. WEST END.

The following marriage licenses have been issued by Dr. Samuel Beck, clerk of the circuit court for Kent county, during the month of March: To white couples—Jacob F. Thompson and Nettie Moody; Franklin T. Hogan and Laura May Ashley; Thos. W. Trew and Anna M. Price; James W. States and Elizabeth Taylor. Colored—Charles H. Ringgold and Effie E Wright

FINE STALLIONS.—Attention is called to the advertisement in another column of Mr. Alday Clements' "Sanborn" and "Egar Dudley," two of the finest bred trotting stallions to be found on the Shore.

THE Gratitude will run daily trips from Centreville and Rock Hall about April 10th.

DIED.

In Chestertown, on Sunday morning, March 22, 1891, Mrs. MARY M. STAM, widow of the late Louis K. Stam, in the 33d year of her age.

At the residence of her son-in-law, Samuel V. Farson, in Baltimore county, Mrs. JANE LAMB, aged 85 years.

In Memory of Capt. John B. Stevens,

Beloved husband of Mrs. Sarah S. Stevens, of Rock Hall, died March 9, 1891, aged 65 years.

This time last week he was with us,
His place is vacant today,
No words can tell how we miss him
Since the morning he passed away.

Now he is gone our home is so lonely,
For in our midst he's been so long,
But his work on earth is ended,
He has joined the happy throng.

'Tis hard to break the tender cord
When love has bound the heart;
'Tis hard, so hard, to speak the word,
We must forever part. WIFE.

He has gone, where God has called him,
I will strive to meet you there;
In that bright celestial heaven,
There will be no parting tear.

We loved him; yes, no tongue can tell
How much we loved him and how well;
God loved him too, and thought it best
To take him home with Him to rest.—CLARA.

Our father's gone, but not forgotten,
Though his face we'll see no more;
But I hope, when life is over,
To meet him on that happy shore. —FANNIE.

M. E. CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

The twenty-third annual session of the Wilmington Conference adjourned at 1 A. M. Tuesday.

The long expected personal breeze in the Conference began to blow Saturday when Rev. F. C. McSorley offered a resolution condemning the Peninsula Methodist for its recent course on several questions.

The friends and enemies of the paper at once rallied. Finally the Conference decided to withdraw its recognition from the *Peninsula Methodist*. An effort was then made to have Conference recognize the *Conference Chronicle* as the official organ of the Conference but it failed, and the Conference decided to commend no paper.

Dr. Jacob Todd was transferred to the Philadelphia Conference. The ministerial vote of the Conference on the admission of women as delegates to the General Conference, and by the lay members of the conferences, resulted as follows: For, 65; against, 78; official vote of laity, for, 2083; against, 3213. It was decided to hold the next annual session at Grace Church Wilmington.

Presiding Elder France made his last annual report as presiding elder of Easton district. He referred to it briefly and said God had been with the people. He first referred in the report to the deaths which had occurred in his district. The district covers a territory known as the peach belt. Two years of failure of the peach crop has been felt in the benevolent collections. Some of the ministers have been compelled to go to conference without all their salaries.

New churches were built at Cecilton and Pomona circuit. Smyrna improved its church and improvements also made on Appoquinimink circuit. A new chapel was built in Chestertown circuit. Centreville church was almost wholly rebuilt. The cost of the improvements was $2,850, and is all paid. No new parsonages were built during the year. While collections might not be as high as last year, the hard times were the cause of such depression. The report also referred briefly to Sunday schools and to the work of the Epworth League. Of the latter body there are in the district sixteen chapters with 700 members. The presiding elder did not report the number of pastoral visits because they are an unknown quanity. In the districts there had been no sweeping revivals, but there had been a steady flow of grace.

In concluding Mr. France said in his report that he thanked the ministers and laymen on the district for their help.

Bishop Fowler referred briefly to the report by Mr. France and said he needed something said to him. He brought out a handsome open face gold watch and on behalf of the ministers of Easton district presented it to Mr. France. Taking the watch in his hand Bishop Fowler said: "The ministers who have presented you this think that it is of the kind of metal of which presiding elders should be made; it also shows that he should have one open face, so that one does not have to push a secret spring to remove the mask. It also suggests that you have always been on time, or should be. And now these ministers hope that you will remember them as long as time shall last."

Mr. France replied briefly.

APPOINTMENTS.

Wilmington District—Bethel, W. Jaggard; Charlestown, E. H. Hynson; Cherry Hill and Union, T. B. Hunter; Chesapeake City, I. G. Fosnocht; Chester, A. P. Prettyman; Christianna, B. F. Price, Claymont, G. E. Wood; Delaware City, T. O. Ayers; Elk Neck, Edwin Gardner; Elkton and Cronches, C. Hill; Hockessin and Ebenezer, D. H. Conaway; Hopewell, O. S. Walton; Marshalltown and Staunton, C. H. Williams; Mount Lebanon and Union, J. T. Vanburkalow; Mount Pleasant, W. E. Tompkinson; Newark and Wesley, W. J. Duhadaway; New Castle, T. E. Martindale; Newport, A. S. Mowbray; Northeast, J. B. Quigg; Port Deposit, A. Stengle; Port Penn, F. McKenzie; Red Lion and Glasgow, D. H. Loller; Rising Sun, J. E. Bryan; W. E. Tompkinson; G. L. Hardesty. Wilmington—Asbury, J. A. C. Hanna; Brandywine and Edgmoor, C. A. Grice; Cookman, W. L. White; Epworth, I. Jewell; Grace, J. Y. Dobbins; Kingswood, H. S. Dulaney; Madely, E. C. Atkins; Mt. Salem, W. E. Avery; St. Paul's, L. E. Barrett; Scott, John France; Silver Brook, Mark E. Bowen; Swedish Mission, to be supplied; Union, E. L. Hubbard; Wilmington Wesley W. Koons; Zion, I. L. Wood.

Easton District—Appoquinimink, J. D. Reese; Bay Side and Tilghman, J. M. Lindale; Centerville, T. A. H. O'Brien; Centreville, V. S. Collins; Chestertown, R. Irving Watkins; Church Hill, J. A. Arters; Crumpton, S. J. Baker; Easton, R. H. Adams; Galena, E. H. Nelson; Greensboro', R. W. Todd; Hillsboro', S. M. Morgan; Ingleside, T. H. Harding; Kent Island, W. W. Sharp; King's Creek, J. H. Geoghegan; Denton, A. Chandler; Marydel, J. S. Conway; Massey's, E. Welsh; Middletown, N. M. Brown; Millington, E. E. White; Odessa, H. S. Thompson; Oxford, H. C. Turner; Pomona, W. R. Mowbray; Queenstown, J. Fogle; Rock Hall, Rev. Robert Roe; St. Michaels, Rev. S. J. Morris; Sassafras, W. Sheers; Smyrna, W. W. W. Wilson; Smyrna Circuit, R. K. Stevenson; Still Pond, J. D. Kemp; Sudlersville, E. C. Menichol; Townsend, C. Carpenter; Trappe, W. R. McFarlane; Union and Salem, to be supplied; Wye, A. C. A. Green; Williamsburg, J. D. Lecates; Wyoming, A. Green; Willistown, Wm. M. Green.

Dover District—Beckwith, W. T. Dawson; Bridgeville, J. P. Otis; Burrsville, T. F. Tablor; Cambridge, J. H. Howard; Camden, P. H. Rawlins; Cannon, W. P. Bowen; Church Creek, G. W. Bounds; Crapo, C. P. Swain; Denton, Central, Harris, G. W. Townsend; Dorchester, W. Galloway; Dover, T. E. Terry; Dover Chapel, F. J. Carpenter; East New Market, Asbury Burke; Ellendale, J. B West; Elliott's Island, B. Wheatley; Farmington, Joseph Robinson; Federalsburg, J. W. Easley; Felton, T. H. Haynes; Frederica, J. H. Caldwell; Galestown, D. F. Waddell; Georgetown, J. D. Rigg; Green Wood, W. P. Compton; Harrington, R. T. Coursey; Hooper's Island, W. W. Johnson; Houston, W. B. Guthrie; Hurlock, M. D. Miller; Leipsic, L. T. McLane; Lewes, F. C. McSorley; Lincoln, L. P. Corkran; Little Creek, W. M. Warner; Magnolia, L. W. Layfield; Milford, Robert Watt; Millsboro', James Carroll; Milton, T. R. Creamer; Nassau, J. S. Wicklum; Preston, E. P. Roberts; Salem, T. Cooper; Seaford and Bladesville, R. C. Jones; Taylor's Island and Lukesville, J. Robinson; Vienna, S. R. Maxwell; Willston, W. M. Green; Woodside, J. S. Moore; Wyoming, Jones; Royal Oak, J. Pasterfield.

Salisbury District—Annamessex, J. T. Prouse; Asbury, C. S. Baker; Barren Creek, E. K. Copper; Berlin, T. C. Smoot; Bethel, E. Davis; Bishopville, G. T. Alderson; Cape Charles City, E. L. Cross; Chincoteague, G. P. Jones; Concord, Clarence Northrop; Crisfield, H. W. Ewing; Deal's Island, W. T. Valiant; Delmar, A. D. Davis; Fairmount, C. W. Prettyman; Frankford, E. S. Mace; Fruitland, J. W. Gray; Girdletree, E. H. Derrickson; Gumboro', Julius A. Brewington; Holland's Island, G. Wilcox; Laurel, S. M. Pilchard; Mt. Vernon, G. W. Bowman; Nanticoke, F. J. Cookman; Newark, E. H. Miller; Onancock, G. W. Burke; Parksley, J. F. Anderson; Parsonburg, W. B. Gregg; Pocomoke City, W. A. Wise; Pocomoke, D. F. McFaul; Powelville, J. E. Graham; Princess Anne, C. F. Sheppard; Quantico, J. M. Mitchell; Roxanna, C. T. Wyatt; Reed's Wharf, G. W. Hastings; St. Peter's, Warren Burr; Salisbury, C. A. Hill; Selbyville, G. P. Smith; Sharptown, T. L. Price; Smith's Island, W. W. Chairs; Snow Hill, J. O. Sypherd; Somerset, T. W. Given; Stockton, Newton McQuay; Tangier, James Conner; Westover, S. K. Morris; Whitesville, J. H. Webster; St. Peter's, Warren Burr; New Church, S. Hastings; Quintaqui, John Jones.

The Bishop appointed the following presiding elders: Wilmington district, W. L. S. Murray; Easton district, Albert Smith; Dover district, J. A. B. Wilson; Salisbury district, W. F. Corkran. At the conclusion of the reading of the appointments, the Bishop delivered an address warmly congratulating the members of the conference upon their great success during the past year. Taken altogether the appointments give satisfaction, and the Bishop was warmly congratulated for his impartiality.

George W. and John Todd were reelected to professorships in the Wilmington Conference Academy.

A TEST TRIAL of the Acme Harrow is announced by Mr. E. J. Watson to take place next Saturday afternoon. Farmers should witness it.

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SUMMARY OF FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT.

JANUARY 1, 1891.

WILLIAM H. BEERS, - - President.
HENRY TUCK, Vice-President. RUFUS W. WEEKS, Actuary.
ARCH. H. WELCH, 2d Vice-President. THEODORE M. BANTA, Cashier.
A. HUNTINGTON, M. D., Medical Director.

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

Premiums	$27,228,209.34
Interest, Rents, etc	4,929,890.74
Total Income	$32,158,100.08

DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT.

Death claims and Endowments	$ 7,078,272.48
Dividends, Annuities and Purchased Insurances	6,201,271.54
Total to Policy-holders	$13,279,544.02
New Policies Issued	45,754
New Insurance Written	$159,576,065.00

CONDITION, JANUARY 1st, 1891.

Assets	$115,947,809.97
*Divisible Surplus, Company's New Standard	$6,227,911.36
†Tontine " "	8,670,539.50
Surplus by State Standard (4 per cent.)	$14,898,450.86
Policies in Force	173,469
Insurance in Force	$569,338,726.00

PROGRESS IN 1890.

Increase in Interest, Rents, &c	$ 352,545.60
Increase in Benefits to Policy-holders	1,158,422.36
Increase in Premiums	2,642,288.24
Increase in Total Income	2,994,833.84
Increase in Assets	10,894,209.01
Increase in Insurance Written	8,456,977.00
Increase in Insurance in Force	73,736,756.00

*Exclusive of the amount specially reserved as a contingent liability to Tontine Dividend Fund.
†Over and above a 4 per cent. reserve on existing policies of that class.

GROWTH OF THE COMPANY DURING THE PAST DECADE.

New Insurance Issued.	Insurance in Force.	Assets.	Annual Income.
In 1880..$ 22,229,979	Jan. 1, 1881..$135,726,916	Jan. 1, 1881..$43,183,934	1880..$ 8,964,719
In 1885.. 68,521,452	Jan. 1, 1886.. 259,674,500	Jan. 1, 1886.. 66,864,321	1885.. 16,127,172
In 1890.. 159,576,065	Jan. 1, 1891.. 569,338,726	Jan. 1, 1891.. 115,947,810	1890.. 32,158,100

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